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DEPT FOR IO/UNP, IO/PHO, AF/C AND L/AF;
WHITEHOUSE PASS TO NSC FOR RICE,
JOINT STAFF FOR DIR J5, J3;
SECDEF FOR SEWALL

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TAGS: MOPS, PREL, MARR, PGOV, KDEM, RW, UNSC, CG
SUBJECT: RPF MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT, 25 MAY 94

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2. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT TOLD RPF REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK MAZIMNAKA THAT IT WAS CRITICAL THEY ESTABLISH A LASTING CEASEFIRE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MAZIMNAKA REITERATED THE RPF'S CONCERN THAT IT CAN NOT STOP FIGHTING UNTIL THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT STOPS MASSACRES AGAINST CIVILIANS. HE ADDED THAT PROGRESS ON POLITICAL RECONCILIATION WILL BE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND THE UN'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BOO BOO. ON THE AIRPORT, THE RPF STATED THAT IT WAS UNDER THEIR DIRECT CONTROL, THE CONCEPT OF NEUTRALITY WAS NO LONGER RELEVANT, AND THEY GUARANTEED FULL ACCESS TO THE UN FOR ALL FLIGHTS. END SUMMARY.

3. OPENING THE MEETING, AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT EMPHASIZED TO THE RPF REPRESENTATIVES THAT AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IS CRITICAL. SHE EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE MUST END, SUGGESTING THAT THE RPF WAS LOSING CREDIBILITY IN US AND INTERNATIONAL CIRCLES BY

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CONTINUING TO FIGHT. SHE STRONGLY URGED THE RPF TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP. SHE ENDED BY STATING THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD THE RPF POSITION, BUT ENCOURAGED THE RPF TO SUPPORT A PEACEFUL POLITICAL PROCESS AND FORTHCOMING UN INITIATIVES.

4. THE RPF REPRESENTATIVES TOLD AMBASSADOR ALBRIGHT THAT THEY SEE TWO LEVELS OF FIGHTING, ONE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND RPF, AND ANOTHER IN WHICH GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE KILLING CIVILIANS. MAZIMNAKA STATED THAT UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT STOPPED KILLING CIVILIANS, THE RPF WOULD CONTINUE TO MOVE MILITARILY. HE ADDED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD BE PRESSURING THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT TO STOP THE KILLING AND DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE ATROCITIES COMMITTED.

5. THE RPF ALSO RE-ITERATED ITS RELUCTANCE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT, CONSIDERING THE CURRENT REGIME TO BE ONE POPULATED BY MURDERERS. IN ADDITION, THE RPF REITERATED THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE BOO BOO. COMMUNICATIONS WITH HIM REMAIN STRAINED BECAUSE OF RPF PERCEPTIONS THAT HE IS PARTIAL TO THE GOVERNMENT SIDE. THE RPF IS, HOWEVER,

MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH GEN DAHLIAH AND OTHER
MEMBERS OF THE UN STAFF IN RWANDA.

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6. ON KIGALI AIRPORT, THE RPF SAID THAT IT WAS FULLY
UNDER THEIR CONTROL AND THE CONCEPT OF NEUTRALITY WAS NO
LONGER RELEVANT. THEY ADDED THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO
PROVIDE THE UN SAFE ACCESS TO THE AIRPORT.

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7. THE RPF REMAINS VERY DISTRUSTFUL OF THE FRENCH (THEY
DOUBT THE FRENCH ARE IMPARTIAL AND ACTING CONSISTENT
WITH THE WILL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND THE
SECURITY COUNCIL) BUT SAID THEY WILL TRUST THE WORD OF
THE USG AND THEIR OTHER FRIENDS (BELGIUM AND GERMANY).
MINIMIZE CONSIDERED
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